

REMARKS

Claims 167 and 172-174 were objected to, and have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 167-169, 171-172, 174-177 and 186-194 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Seyed-Bolorforosh, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,891,038). Claims 173 and 182-184 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Seyed-Bolorforosh, et al. in view of Hwang (U.S. Patent No. 5,706,819). Claims 170 and 178-181 were objected to as allowable if amended into independent form. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of these rejections.

Independent claim 167 has been amended with the limitations of allowable claim 170. There are no intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 167 is allowable.

Independent claims 172-174 have also been amended with the limitations of allowable claim 170. Claim 170 did not depend from claims 172-174, but the context is similar. Claims 172-174 are allowable for the same reasons claim 170 was allowable.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application but believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to call Craig Summerfield at (312) 321-4726.

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